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6. OLYMPIC IS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH PERFORMANCE, ECONOMICS, RELIABILITY
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AND MAINTANABILITY OF ITS PRESENT ADVANCED 737-284'S AND 747-284'S.
AS SUCH, AIRLINE'S FUTURE FLEET ACQUISITIONS WILL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL
BOEING 747-284B'S AND ADVANCED 737-284'S, IN ADDITION TO AIRBUS
INDUSTRIE A-300B4'S. THE EXISTING FLEET OF TWO BOEING 707-384B'S, TWO
BOEING 707-384C'S, TWO BOEING 707-351B'S, AND SEVEN BOEING 720-051B'S
WILL BE GRADUALLY PHASED OUT OF SERVICE, PARTICULARLY AS MORE

STRINGENT ICAO AND HOST-GOVERNMENT NOISE AND EMISSION STANDARDS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THE SIX NIHON YS-11A-520 TWIN-TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT (64 SEATS) WILL BE REPLACED, BY ADVANCED 737-284 TWINJETS (122 SEATS) AS SECONDARY DOMESTIC ISLAND (E.G. MYKONOS, SANTORINI, SKIATHOS) AND MAINLAND AIRPORTS ARE UPGRADED AND TRAFFIC DEMAND WARRANTS. THE SIX BOEING 727-284 TRIJETS IN PRESENT FLEET WILL BE KEPT OPERATIONAL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BUT WILL ULTIMATELY BE REPLACED BY A-300B4'S OR OTHER NEW AIRCRAFT TYPE.

7. ALTHOUGH CHAIRMAN FARMAKIDIS SEES FUTURE ADDITIONS OF BOEING ADVANCED 737-284'S (FOUR PRESENTLY IN SERVICE) AND BOEING 747-284B'S (TWO PRESENTLY IN SERVICE) TO FLEET, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY OF THESE ORDERS WILL BE EFFECTED DURING 1978. CRUCIAL TO AIRLINE'S ORDERING OF THIRD BOEING 747-284B IS REIMPLEMENTATION OF GREECE-AUSTRALIA (ATHENS - SINGAPORE - MELBOURNE - SYDNEY) SCHEDULED ROUND-TRIP SERVICES SUSPENDED LAST YEAR (DUE FLIGHT-CREW JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM S)

FARMAKIDIS BELIEVES ROUTE MAY BE REIMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR IF ONE BOEING 747 CAN BE LEASED FOR THE SERVICE (AND IF DIFFICULT FLIGHT-CREW CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE OBIATED). HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN BELIEVES PEAK-SEASON TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS OF ROUTE (CHRISTMAS/EASTER EXPATRIATE) HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOST FOR 1978. RCAA NOTES, HOWEVER, STRONG YEAR-ROUND TRAFFIC DEMAND ON GREECE-AUSTRALIA ROUTE, AS PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED BY GREEK CARRIER. WE INFORMED FARMAKIDIS THAT SYRIANAIR MAY BE INTERESTED IN DRYLEASING OR UNCLASSIFIED

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WETLEASING ONE OF ITS TWO 747SP'S TO OLYMPIC FOR 1978 AND/OR 1979. WE NOTE OLYPIC ORDER THIS YEAR FOR NEW 747-284B WOULD PERMIT DELIVERY 1980. GREECE - AUSTRALIA ROUTE, WHEN REIMPLEMENTED, WILL BE SERVED THREE ROUND-TRIP SCHEDULES WEEKLY (RATHER THAN PREVIOUS TWO), MORE ADEQUATELY MEETING CAPACITY AND TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO MINIMIZING COSTLY FLIGHT-CREW AND CABIN STAFF LAYOVER TIMES IN AUSTRALIA. UNQUOTE MCCLOSKEY

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